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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

FOR PRESIDENT,
Wm. McKinley,
of Ohio.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,
Theodore Roosevelt,
of New York.

It is blasphemy against the American nation, for an organization of her men to declare for free silver and anti-expansion.

The concentration of the navies of the world in Chinese waters is an omen of war, and an indication of death to Savagery.

It matters not who Mr. Bryan's running mate may be, defeat is a sure to be their heritage in the second battle as the will of thinking men rules.

The country is fortunate in not having Mr. Bryan to conduct its affairs in the East. It would be a capital idea for Col. Bryan to volunteer and join the forces in China, if he would study the monetary question as practiced in China. He might be able to gain an idea.

We need not speak if our words fall upon deaf ears. Why should we vote unless our votes be counted as cast? There is no doubt that we will ultimately triumph in the effort to restore liberty to our people. The wrong may temporarily rule but the right must and will eventually triumph and reign.

CONFESION market is opening again. It will now be proper for James Andrew - Paper Sack Legged Scott to make another gentleman and his wife comfortable for life for evidence that will hang every Republican everywhere and forever damn the Republican party universally. This money that is going to "sweeten" the exile of purjured witnesses comes direct from the farmer.

Is the next election the leaders of the Democratic party will surely go slow on their highway course of proceeding "under the forms of law." While the echoes of the evil from a federal prison of men who attempted to ignore the constitution and steal the rights of citizens are fresh in the ears of Goebellie henchmen they will think and think again before executing order.

EVERY American citizen will learn with the deepest regret that the Oregon—the greatest battleshipballast, is stranded on a pinnacle rock in the Asiatic Pacific. The brilliant record made by the magnificent Oregon on her voyage around Cape Horn and in the race with the Viceroy and Colon stamped her name indelibly in the memory of every lover of the flag. Great fears are entertained by many, that she will be lost.

When he may consider other questions of State or national importance if his will regarding the questions be ignored. Every informed man in Kentucky knows that a majority of our citizens aid in the last election that Gov. W. S. Taylor and the minor State officials should control affairs in the Commonwealth for the next four years, but a bitterly partisan Legislature ignored their will and declared those not elected to be elected.

The Republican convention which convenes here July 14 will instruct delegates to the Louisville convention, which convention will name the next Governor of Kentucky. In the contest coming an outraged people will meet the party that ignored their will in the recent election and which has caused all the turmoil, strife and bloodshed incident to that election. With a righteous indignation in his heart, the sober, thinking, honest citizen of Kentucky will assert his will and see that his rights are respected.

The Chinese question is the most serious question that has confronted the civilized world in the last quarter of a century. China with a population of 400,000,000 fanatic souls is up against all Christendom in arms. The German consul has been murdered by the imperial forces and Germany will be speedily in demanding restitution, while it is generally thought that the legations of all the other countries have perished at the hands of the mad whippers, it is not at all, they are doomed to death before relief can reach them. Nothing has been heard from them for ten days, and then they were in a sorry plight, with provisions and ammunition very

short. Confucianism is a relic of antiquity, which exalts superstition and polytheism. If the civilized powers conclude to make their mission that of the iconoclast they should act concertedly and speedily.

The matter of nomination has given Col. Bryan little trouble, in fact none. The question of paramount importance to the silver tongued gentleman of the La Platte, is how to explain the speeches he made in '96. Every prediction he made has proven preposterous. Wheat rose in value with all other farm products, while Mr. Bryan predicted calamity throughout the country, in the event of McKinley's election. The new speech which Mr. Bryan will have to prepare to "say" in the campaign will be the greatest burden of his life.

"ACCORDING to the Anties we have no right in the Philippines, and that being the case we have no right to use the Philippines as a base from which to protect our interests and people in China. Call those troops and ships back and pass resolutions of sympathy for the Chinese." This expression comes from Tuesday's *Courier-Journal*, and yet it has been reclaimed by the Democrats of the State, on the "prohibition" plan, according to Woodson. This journal is for Expansion and the Gold Standard, also for Goebellism, for "revenue only. Democrats, you who threw the *Dispatch* to the waste basket last fall, how do you like this argument. Clipped from your political Bibb?

The Democratic editors, from the country 2x4 to Waterson-the-turkey, are clamoring for a leader to pilot the old party out of the ditch of Goebellism. If ever in the history of an organization, leaders were in demand, certainly that time is now with the party denominated, Democratic. Those men, who have had the party machinery in hand during the past year, in Kentucky, have proven not capable leaders, but failures in every sense of the word. These men, also, who have been steering the Democratic ship of State in Kentucky, have actually constructed a law that deprives the man elected to office of his position of trust and places therein a man rejected by the great common people. They have really instituted a measure that has brought Kentucky to a state of anarchy and ruin. Instead of peace and tranquility, it has brought sorrow and woe to the homes of many peace lovers. This emergency act has served the purpose of its authors, but in addition to this it has caused a rupture in the Democratic party that can never be healed. It has transformed a Republican form of government into an absolute monarchy, under which it is positively had policy to do right.

Yerkes is the Man.

There is no opposition to Hon. John W. Yerkes being nominated for Governor, by the Louisville convention, which meets the 17th inst. He will be nominated by acclamation by the Republicans and Independents and more than that he will be elected Governor of Kentucky and will serve his time out. Every county convention in the State should instruct its delegates for Mr. Yerkes and the organs of discontent and opposition can not file charges against him as being a candidate of the losses. He will be a candidate of the people and they cannot do him a greater favor than for every county to instruct its delegates to vote for him on the 17th. We feel sure that every county in the Fourth Congressional District will do this because the Fourth never stops at halves.

Mr. Yerkes is acknowledged by all journalists and politicians to be one of the best, ablest and cleanest men in Kentucky, and that he is the very man for the emergency. He is an orator of exceptionally ability, recognized in national politics as a leader of leaders. He is the very man to storm Goebellism from the Purchase to Big Sandy, to show up the fraud in the mock contest and the final triumph of fraud and force, and how the defeated became elected, and all other acts of Goebellism that would make the blackest blind in the remotest recess of hell blush for shame.

Senator Blackburn's Proposed Amendment.

Senator Blackburn's proposition to amend the Goebel Election Law by abolishing all party devices upon the ballot, whilst professedly intended to operate as an educational qualification, will really not only make voting so slow as to disfranchise half the voters of the State, but will make the counting of votes so slow and confused that it will put elections completely in the hands of the election commissioners, and make the exposure of frauds on their part impossible. As it is, a ballot often has a hundred names on it. If the voter, instead of voting for all his party candidates by stamping once under the party device, is compelled to read all the names and select those he wants to vote for, not one man in ten amongst even intelligent citizens will vote for the men he

wants. It will take every voter fifty times as long to vote. This will give the police and election officers more complete control than ever over the citizens.

Moreover, when the ballots come to be counted, and especially in contest counts, the delay and confusion will be interminable, and fraud will have free play. Even under our present system of voting under the party device, although the great majority of votes consist of but one mark under the party device, the count on contests is a labor of many men for many days, and nearly always wears out both sides. If every name on every ballot has to be separately stamped, only politicians with nothing else to do will stay through the count. And we know why they will do it, and what sort of a count will result.

On appeals to the State Board of Election Commissioners the same confusion and delay will result.

The proposal to abolish the party device is monstrous, and can only make more fraud, more bad feeling, and probably more bloodshed; for election frauds when protected by law leave men no recourse but violence, and unfortunately that is too often the result. Let every man who wants fair elections or peace in Kentucky be outspoken in condemnation of this so-called "reform" of the Goebel Election Law. It is a bad law and should be repealed. The proposed amendment is only calculated to make it worse.

Why it is So.

In the scramble for votes in election times politicians are willing, yes, anxious, to claim a vote from the humblest citizen, regardless of his social standing, and this is all right and perfectly legitimate so long as it is carried on in an honorable manner. When editorial themes are not so plentiful some editors lose sight of the real facts in the case and fly off at a tangent on the subject of negro votes. The following is clipped from Wednesday's *noisy Herald*:

"It is a sad state of affairs that we find in the negro vote the Republicans could not elect their ticket, either national, State or county. The majority of the white people of this country are not in favor of Republicanism."

This statement is a lie as a matter of fact, but we are inclined to think its author was sincere, because he doesn't know any better. Intelligent men know that the colored voters are largely confined to the South, that not a single southern state ever gave a Republican electoral vote for President. But the author of the above is sincere. Not a single state North of the Ohio River is controlled by the negro vote, and yet nine in ten give Republican victories, but the author of the above doesn't know this, and still he is sincere.

There are about three hundred and fifty negro voters in Ohio county and if this vote had been eliminated from the Republican ticket last fall the Republicans would have carried the county by two hundred-thirty-five, instead of five hundred-eighty-five, yet the author of the above doesn't know this, and we can't question his sincerity.

The most amusing part of the course of the author of the above article on the negro question was thoroughly appreciated last spring when a robust negro from Virginia was entertained in the Hartford *Herald's* office by the *read editor* himself.

It will be remembered that this colored gentleman was billed to speak at the Court house, and when the hour had arrived for the address, he was escorted from the *Herald* office by its *read editor* in person, and when he had made his way to the Court Hall with his "Virginia nigger," he was greeted with three white companions and not a single colored man near save his "own co-salutary kicker," and the real lun comes in when the "Virginia nigger" comes up "dead broke" and is forced to "draw on his boot."

From these facts we conclude that this is the reason why it is so. The *read editor* of the *Herald* should be the very last man to make such charges as contained in the above.

The Time is Opportune.

In another column will be found a report of the committee appointed at a mass meeting of the citizens of Louisville March 5, to send through the State printed matter urging the appeal of the Goebel election law and the adoption of a fair one instead. This committee is composed of reasonable men, not partisans. In politics they are mostly Democrats, but they are for a fair and honest election law which will guarantee a fair and impartial election. They speak not passionately, but as cool, deliberate, thinking men. They have reviewed the workings of the law logically and effectively. No appeal is made to partisans, but to reasonable and thinking men. Democratic friend, read this report prepared and published by men of your own party, and then as honest men ask yourselves this question: "Is not every word of this report correct?" We are inclined to believe you will be forced by the facts themselves, recently recorded,

to answer this query in the affirmative.

There are men all over Kentucky, who actually believe that the Republicans stole the recent election, but these men have taken no notice of events; they are men that don't read for themselves, but have their neighbors read for them from a newspaper more poisonous to the moral man, than the bite of the adder to the physical man. While this is the case in numerous localities, the majority of the voters thoroughly understand the intent and purpose of the Goebel law. No law can be fair that takes the power from the people and places it in the hands of three men of the same political party. This is what the Goebel law has done, and the intelligent men everywhere, know the result. Anarchy and the subversion of the popular will of the people, by the office-seeking horde of unprincipled politicians, have reigned throughout the State. It was the carrying into effect this law that caused the death of its author, and unless it be repealed and the people given back the power of government, many other better and nobler lives will be sacrificed. Kentucky and Kentuckians will not endure another robbery of the ballot box, and to avoid the horrors of civil war this law should be repealed unconditionally.

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FOR A FAIR ELECTION LAW.

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sioners (Messrs. Poyntz, Yontz, and Fulton) who were not elected by the people, who are not responsible to the people, who can not be removed by the people. It gives these three men also the supreme power to make the final count of votes in all contested elections, and to declare who shall have the offices and who shall not. The only exception to this rule is in the case of a contested election of Governor or Lieutenant Governor, which the Constitution provides shall be determined by the Legislature, but the members of the Legislature get their credentials from county election commissioners whom the State Board appoints and may remove at will at any instant. If one of the board dies or resigns, the people can not fill his place. It is filled by the other two. If two die or resign, their places are filled by the other one. When Pryor and Killa resigned, Poyntz exercised the extraordinary power of appointing Fulton and Yontz to their places. The principle of the law is undemocratic, and no amendment yet suggested can make it Democratic. No amendment can do so which does not really amount to a total repeal. It takes from the people of each county the right they always before had, to elect their own county officer (formerly their county judge) to appoint the election officers for each precinct in the county. Until the Goebel Law was enacted the people of each county, upon discovering any unfairness or fraud in the appointment of election officers in that county, always had it in their power to punish the fraud by defeating the man who committed it at the next election. Under the Goebel Law that power is taken away from them. If the State Board wants fraud, it has only to appoint men on the county boards who are willing to do its bidding. If they refuse, the State Board can remove them at any moment. In a word, the Goebel Law subjects every election in every county in the State to the arbitrary power of the three members of the State Board, and then makes them the final judges to say who is elected in every case, save only in the case of Governor or Lieutenant Governor. The Czar of Russia has not a more absolute power over his subjects than these three Election Commissioners could exercise over the people of Kentucky, provided they have the disposition to exercise it and are not afraid to do it. Such a dependence of popular rights upon the will of three men (however good and wise) whom the people can not elect, must not only be abhorrent to every man who really believes in the most essential of all Democratic principles, the right of the people to be governed by men of their own choosing, but it is plain political slavery. Will true Kentuckians approve it? Ought they to do so? Should not every man who loves his State, who believes in free government, who would have the people of Kentucky a free people, who believe in fair play, use his influence for the repeal of this law. We make no appeal as party men. In this emergency parties are nothing to us. There are men who can not understand this sentiment. We trust there are many who can and will. We appeal to the moral sense of the people. We accuse no one. We defend no one. We recognize the errors, the wrongs, the crimes of politicians of both parties. But we believe that the great mass of men of both parties want what is honorable and right and fair. It is these that we earnestly urge to consider what we say and to use every endeavor to secure the prompt and total repeal of this undemocratic and dangerous election law. It has already done great harm. If it is not repealed, it will do far greater harm hereafter. This was a Democratic measure, and therefore our main appeal must needs be to Democrats. We ask each of these to calmly consider whether the honor and the peace of our State would not be furthered by the repeal of the law. We ask him whether its retention will not be a plain confession of weakness by the Democratic party, and prove that it is afraid of the people on a fair vote and a fair count? We ask him if it would not even prove that the Democratic party—the party which in former years, under a fair election law, always honestly carried the State by large majorities—has been dragged down by its short-sighted and selfish leaders to the dishonorable practice of securing by a false count officers which they formerly won in fair battle? If that is not the purpose of those leaders who oppose the repeal of the law, we ask every fair minded Democrat why those leaders are unwilling to let the people of each county elect the election officers for that county? Why do they want to leave power over elections in the hands of three men on the State Board, all of whom, or a controlling majority of whom, are Democrats?

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